

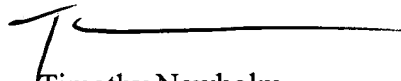
**Remarks**

Each of rejected claims 1, 5 – 9, and 31 has been cancelled from the application. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested for remaining claims 2 – 4, 10 – 23, and 25 – 30, which the Examiner has deemed allowable.

No fees are believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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